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\$11,000 Donation to Project: Gold Star for Gold Star Family License Plates

An \$11,000 donation was presented to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) today by Diane Layfield, mother of Lance Corporal Travis J. Layfield, U.S. Marine Corps, in honor of her son who died on April 6, 2004 while serving in Iraq. Present at the presentation, held at the All Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park in Sacramento, CA were other Gold Star Families with pictures in hand of their fallen children.

"This donation gets us much closer to our goal of \$300,000, of which we now have \$168,164," said Roger Brautigan, CalVet Secretary. "These license plates, when finally made available to Gold Star Families, will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices many American families endure in ensuring we maintain our freedom."

"It is important that our sacrifices are not forgotten," said Diane Layfield. "These Gold Star Families license plates will remind drivers that our freedom comes at a great price, one which many families pay when they lose a son or daughter to war."



(L to R) Sergeant Major Doug Lyvere, Diane Layfield, Secretary Roger Brautigan, Tiffany Hicks, Trayvon Hicks, Jaydon Hicks, Undersecretary Rocky Chavez



Front Row (L to R) Diane Layfield, Mike Anderson, Brent Layton, Susan Price, Trayvon Hicks, Tiffany Hicks, Jaydon Hicks, Roxanne Longevin.

Back Row (L to R) Secretary Roger Brautigan, Stu Woodward, Deborah Getz, Arnold Duplantier, Steven Dicochea

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